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**OPERATING SYSTEM-INDEPENDENT  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSPORTING  
VOICE-OVER-NETWORK DATA**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

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The invention relates generally to methods and apparatus of transporting audio and video data. More particularly, the invention relates to systems for receiving, routing and administering audio and video data in an access server.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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A Over the past several years access servers (also referred to as communication servers or terminal servers) have been used to receive data communications and to route data from remote locations onto networks such as the Internet. For example, Internet Server Providers (ISPs) typically use access servers to administer data communications from ISP subscribers. In such implementations, the ISP typically configures one or more access servers in connection with modems, which are connected to phone lines. ISP customers, who maintain their own computers with modems, establish a connection to the ISP by placing an ordinary telephone call from